

House Resolution No. 956

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Victoria L. "Vicki" Pratt, an esteemed resident of Columbia, Missouri, who is stepping down as President of Regional Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) after three years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, Vicki Pratt joined REDI and the City of Columbia in June of 2000 after serving seven years as Executive Director of the County of Orleans Industrial Development Agency (IDA) in Albion, New York, where she was responsible for the attraction and retention of industry in Orleans County and the direction of economic development for the area; and

Whereas, Vicki Pratt grew up in Wisconsin and New York, received her Bachelor's degree in Communication from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1983, and recently began pursuing her Master's degree in Community and Rural Development at Cornell University; and

Whereas, Vicki Pratt began her career as a Community Educator and Patient Services Management Team Member with Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin in Waukesha, Wisconsin, in 1984, and served as the Director of Development with Community Action, Inc., in Janesville, Wisconsin, and as Executive Director of the UP Connection, Inc., in Waukesha before returning to New York in 1993; and

Whereas, since relocating to Boone County, Vicki Pratt has been inspired by the number of individuals who genuinely care about the area and are willing to involve themselves in programs, initiatives, and organizations that support the community; and

Whereas, when she is not busy retaining existing businesses, focusing on workforce development issues, working to attract new industry, or volunteering her time, Vicki Pratt enjoys walking, traveling, reading, and spending time with her favorite canine companion, a poodle named Max:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Vicki Pratt for her three years of unparalleled service to REDI and to the Columbia community, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Victoria L. Pratt.

Offered by _____

Representative Vicky Riback Wilson
District No. 25

Representative Jeff Harris
District No. 23

Representative Chuck Graham
District No. 24

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 956, adopted March 19, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker